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SUBJ: ISSUE OF NATO DEMOCRACY IN GREECE AT NATO MINISTERIAL

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1. GERMAN AMBASSADOR RITZEL CAME IN TO SEE ME NOVEMBER 28 TO ASK WHETHER I HAD INSTRUCTIONS ON MAKING A DEMARCHE TO THE NORWEGIANS REGARDING THEIR INTENTION TO RAISE GREECE IN NATO MINISTERIAL. I EXPLAINED THAT I THOUGHT APPROACH WOULD BE MADE IN WASHINGTON.

2. RITZEL WAS OBVIOUSLY UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS, POINTING OUT THAT ALL NORWEGIANS INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI ARE OPPOSED TO THE PRESENT GREEK REGIME, THAT THE NETHERLANDS, DENMARK
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AND PERHAPS CANADA MAY JOIN NORWAY IN RAISING THE ISSUE

AT NATO, AND IT IS CORRESPONDINGLY IMPORTANT THAT THE UK AND FRANCE JOIN US IN OUR DEMARCHE. HE SAID HE WOULD WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK TO MAKE AN APPROACH, APPARENTLY AT THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVEL AND IN LOW KEY. SINCE I AGREED TO INFORM HIM WHETHER WE MADE A DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH I CAN SHARE WITH MY NATO COLLEAGUES TO BOLSTER THEIR COURAGE.

3. SINCE I ASSUME THAT REFTTEL A CROSSED WITH MY OUTGOING MESSAGE (REFTTEL B), I DO NOT INTEND TO RAISE THE ISSUE HERE WITH FRYDENLUND AFTER HIS RETURN UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED AGAIN TO DO SO.
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